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BATTLE FOR VARUNA CONSTITUENCY

BJP fields Ananth Kumar's aide Thotadappa Basavaraju

- **Former CM B.S. Yeddyurappa's son B.Y. Vijayendra out from the race**
- **Contest of MLA G.T. Devegowda's son Harish Gowda from JD(S) ruled out**

Mysuru,Apr. 24 (RS, RK& BCT)- In a surprise political development and unexpected twists and turns this morning, the BJP High Command has decided to field Thotadappa Basavaraju as its official candidate for Varuna Constituency to take on Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's son and Congress candidate Dr. Yathindra.

In Badami Constituency of Bagalkot district, the BJP has fielded B. Sriramulu, MP and close aide of mining baron G. Janardhana Reddy, against Siddharamaiah. Sriramulu filed his nomination papers in Badami and vowed to defeat the CM. Badami has a sizable population of Valmiki (Nayaka) community to which Sriramulu belongs and the Constituency has a considerable number of Lingayats too. By fielding Sriramulu, the BJP is eyeing Lingayat and Nayaka votes.

Thotadappa Basavaraju

The High Command decided to field Thotadappa Basavaraju from Varuna after BJP National General-Secretary and Karnataka In-charge K. Muralidhar Rao and BJP's election-in-charge for Karnataka Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar held a couple of rounds of talks with BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa at Hotel President since 6 am today.

Sources said that Javadekar and Rao convinced Yeddyurappa not to insist on his son B.Y. Vijayendra contesting from Varuna. After much convincing and prodding, Yeddyurappa agreed and the leaders also told Yeddyurappa that Vijayendra will be made the Party General Secretary. Soon after the talks, Muralidhar Rao and Javadekar left for Bengaluru in a special flight and got in touch with the High Command to issue 'B-Form' to Thotadappa Basavaraju.

(See BASAVARAJU on page 9)

Stones pelted at BJP office in city

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (BCT)- In the wake of BJP denying ticket to party State President B.S. Yeddyurappa's son B.Y. Vijayendra to contest from Varuna, irate party workers threw stones at the party office in Nazarbad this afternoon.

Angry party workers, shouting slogans in support of Vijayendra, pelted stones at the portraits of leaders that were pasted outside the office. They even pulled down a banner that was erected in front of the office. However, nobody was injured in the stone-pelting.

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-8 for Abracadabra titled ***"Boat Burners of BJP — BJP will win Karnataka only if Amit Shah and B.S. Yeddyurappa work together to the exclusion of others with ambition."*** *—Ed*

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People, politicos, polls

Karnataka is currently embroiled in a PPP action, the acronym standing for today's column, its expanded form appearing at the top of the script. A report appearing in a popular daily a few days ago said that PPPs had not fared well both in the State and elsewhere in the country, meaning Public-Private-Partnerships launched with fanfare at the time of *laying* their foundation stones, most, if not all of which may have the same fate as edicts to last for posterity. The VIPs, everyone knows who, are known to have carved a good part of the budget approved, for each PPP and also sanctioned, whether or not the construction saw light of the day. In case anybody doubts the veracity of this point which even school-bound boys are aware of, the just published details of the assets commanded by the vote-seekers as revealed by themselves to the Election Commission through affidavits.

The system of people casting their votes as a right to elect their *representatives* to the various law-making bodies in the country for governing the land and its people has a short history of nearly 70 years, prompting the view that the democratic nation is quite young on time scale in the circle of chroniclers. But, if one looks at the track record of the *young* nation, one cannot but wish that the nation was anything other than democratic.

Going by the popular definition of democracy portrayed by the expression *by the people, of the people, for the people,* the noun *people* seems to get a low premium of attention because of the force of the operative terms *by, of, for.* A wit has meaningfully changed the aforementioned definition to the expression by *some* people, *of* some people, *for* some people. Applying one's mind to this modified definition, one cannot be faulted to identify the sets of some people as *a)* The vote-seekers who manage to take their perch on the victory stand, *b)* The voters who fall for cash, sarees, cookers, alcohol, sumptuous food and so on thrust into their laps and *c)* Those who either keep away from the polling booths or at best press the NOTA button on the EVM and feel gratified.

Having taken note of the people with voting rights but exercising their right without a care, barring a minor fraction of the electorate, the *PPP* in the world's largest democracy is a total success unlike the other usual PPP that we are told about, thanks mainly to the land's people who have to grin and bear it for their mindless inputs into the national project.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The very thought of a humourless world — highly improbable though it is — makes me uncomfortable. I get my daily 'high' out of the most mundane things — like Dennis the Menace mischievously waving his harassed mother's brassiere and remarking that the cups would make great ear muffs. One certainly doesn't need a riotous sense of humour to liven up things. When asked why a braggart in the office was in the habit of slapping friends heartily on the back, a colleague glibly explained it was only to help them swallow what he'd told them. And when a boss irately demanded of one of his staff, "Are you trying to make a fool of me?" the latter remained tongue-tied — only to comment to a friend later, "How could I tell him that the good Lord had beaten me to it?" Sadly, nowadays not many newspapers run insightful political cartoons — delectable sources of mirth that tellingly highlight the foibles of our leaders and strip them of all their pomposity. So, all you talented humorists and cartoonists, rise and shine! *— George N Netto in The New Indian Express.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

These sea nomads are water bodies

Manila: Known as 'Sea Nomads,' the Bajau people have wandered the waters of Southern Asia for thousands of years, living in house boats and free diving for fish. They've long been known for their ability to stay underwater for long periods of time.

According to a recently published study from Cambridge University, the Bajau people have 50 percent larger spleens than their land-dwelling neighbours, that makes them stay long in underwater. Melissa Ilardo, who embarked on this ground breaking research for her Ph.D, in her camparing study of Bajau and Saluan tribes.

DNA analysis revealed that the Bajau have a gene called PDE10A, which is lacking in the Saluan. Scientists believe that it is gene that alters the Sea Nomads' spleen size by adjusting thyroid hormone levels. The one Bajau diver told Ilardo, that he could stay submerged for around 13 mins. They spend 60% of their day underwater, diving up to 230 feet, using only some weights to descend faster and a pair of wooden goggles.

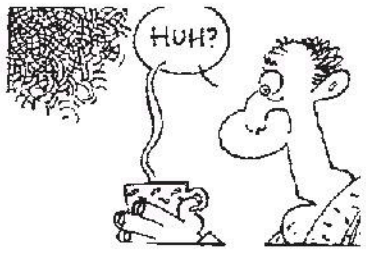
Man says painkillers turned him gay

London: A 23-year-old man from Lincolnshire, in the UK, claims that taking a prescription painkiller has caused him to lose sexual attraction to women and become interested in men.

Scott Purdy started taking Pregabalin, also known as Lyrica, after breaking his foot in a go-karting accident. Before he knew it, he had stopped finding his girlfriend of six months, or and started craving male attention instead. So he stopped taking the medicine for a few weeks, and that attraction to other men simply went away. However, he ended up breaking up with his girlfriend and getting back on Pregabalin, because it made him feel happy about his sexuality and gave him a liberating feeling. "I noticed my libido for women had gone and I was wanting male attention," the 23-year-old said. Even though taking Pregabalin has its share of potential side-effects, a change in sexual orientation isn't one of them, and apart from that of Scott Purdy, no other such cases have ever been recorded.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

Is drinking coffee beneficial to heart function?



The caffeine in coffee appears to restrict blood flow to the heart. The caffeine in tea does the opposite: It improves coronary blood flow. The addition of milk to the tea may undermine the tea's protective effects.

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HC asks UGC to expedite decision on KSOU plea

Bengaluru, Apr.24-The Karnataka High Court has ordered the University Grants Commission (UGC) to grant recognition at the earliest to the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) in the academic year 2018-19 itself.

The UGC had filed a writ appeal with the Division Bench, questioning the order of the Single Bench regarding recognition to KSOU.

The matter came up for hearing yesterday in the High Court and the Division Bench of Chief Justice Dinesh Maheshwari and Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar said that it felt that the UGC will take a decision according to law and to grant recognition to KSOU for the academic year 2018-19.

The Single Bench ordered to give recognition for 2017-18 at par with 106 other Universities. The Counsel representing UGC said that recognition to 106 Universities was granted in the year 2015-16.

The Counsel for UGC said the KSOU had made online application seeking recognition for 2018-19. It further added that the said application is under process by the UGC.

Further the Counsel assured the Court that UGC shall take objective decision on the application for the academic year 2018-19, irrespective of the pendency of the writ appeal challenging the order to grant recognition for 2017-18.

The matter was adjourned for hearing to June 11.

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VOICE OF THE READER

More on preserving Mysore Vasudevacharya's house

Sir,

Apropos the letter ***"A unique tribute to Mysore Vasudevacharya"*** (*SOM* dated Mar. 27), I write this to inform about some of the initiatives taken up by a group of music enthusiasts at the house where the legendary musician lived, probably for over four decades.

It was in March last that I dared to enter into the house near Basaveshvara Circle on New Sayyaji Rao Road. It was indeed agonising to see the house, which I knew had been deserted by its owners for quite some years. Further, the structure was in a very bad condition, facing imminent disaster. After writing about it in newspapers and contacting a few people concerned requesting for help, I realised that this sacred place could not be saved unless it was attended to immediately and that there is no use blaming others. Hence, I talked to my friends and elders, and decided to take up the challenge.

We contacted the owners of the house and sent e-mails to many well-wishers. While the owners washed off their hands, saying they could not invest more on the house, many wrote to us extending their support if we were to save the house. Consequently we spent a few thousands to get the house relieved of a nearly lorry load of filth and a few loads of debris. We got the damaged compound wall repaired and the doors locked. Later, a few others volunteered to join us to clean the house to the extent it could be used for some music related activities. Since then, we have kept the house quite active and a few musicians have performed there too. The gesture by Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar was indeed encouraging and has helped us realise our dreams, of which I have written to the owners of the house thus: "We wish to preserve its sanctity and make its walls reverberate again the music that emanated from the sacred place for decades in the first half of the 20th century, till you are back here to live in it and preserve what you have inherited."

As a result of the efforts put in and the cooperation of the musicians, the house has been relieved of its desolation. But, this is only a half (not even that) job done. It is logical that this heritage structure, where one of greatest sons of the land lived, is preserved in its original form and developed into a centre for cultural activities.

It is necessary to impress upon the Government to buy this place and develop it on the lines of R.K. Narayan's house or in the way the Kerala government has initiated action to pay tributes to its sons like Chembai and MDR. On our part, we plan to keep up our efforts, and many musicians have come forward to help us.

—Prof. R. Yadupathi Putty, NIE, on behalf of the group
Krishnamurthypuram
10.4.2018

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Sir,

Very sad to read S.M. Rajeshwari's letter (Mar. 27) about the condition of the house where the great composer of Karnatak music, lived from 1865 to 1961. At the same time thrilled to know that Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar ventured to give a performance there with students of Surabhi Gana Kala Mandira on Mar. 8, being the International Women's Day.

It is a pity that Mysureans who claim Mysuru as the cultural capital of Karnataka have not taken any steps to preserve the residence of such a great composer. It should be treated as a heritage house and all efforts be made to renovate it on the lines of R.K Narayan's house.

— Dr. C.S. Srinivasan
Ramakrishnanagar
11.4.2018

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 24- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Apr. 25) between 8 am and 7 pm in Chidravalli and Doddabagilu Gram Panchayat and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the CESC.

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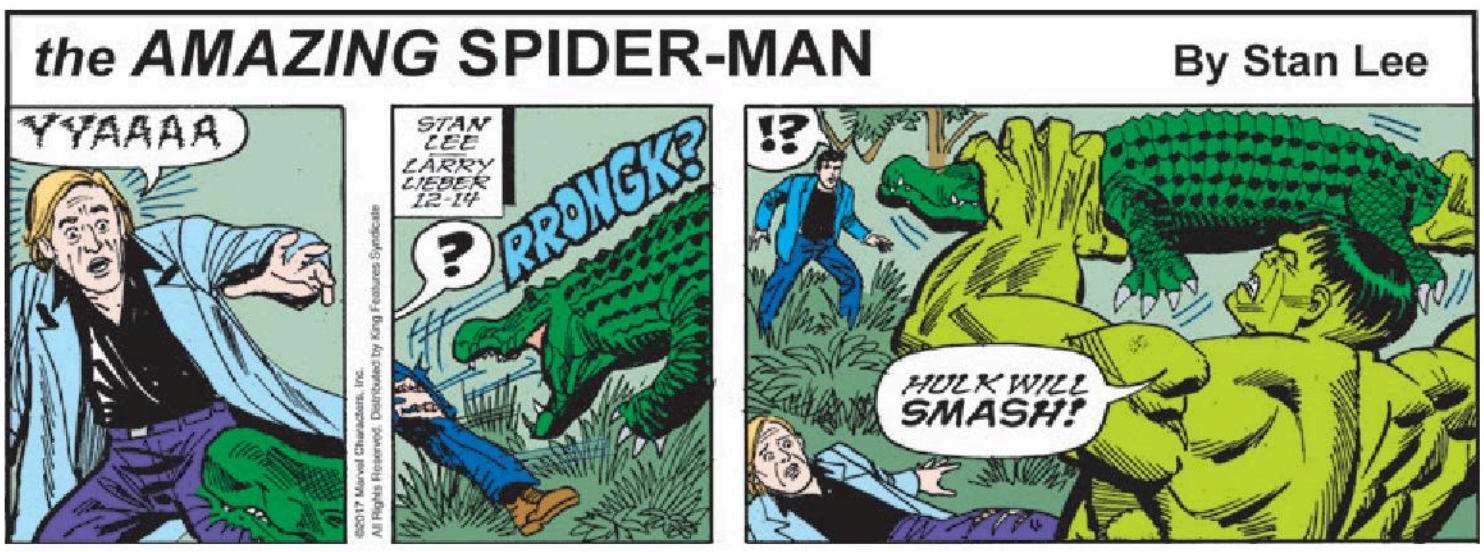

COUNTDOWN

2018 ELECTION

18 Days to go

NR, KR Congress candidates file nominations

Narasimharaja (NR) Congress candidate Minister Tanveer Sait is seen filing his nomination papers with the Returning Officer yesterday. He was accompanied by former Mayor Ayub Khan, leaders Arjun Kumar, Uday Kumar and G.N. Manjunath. Picture right shows Krishnaraja (KR) Congress candidate MLA M.K. Somashekar filing his nomination in the presence of former Mayor Purushotham, Corporator Sunil Kumar and former City Congress President T.S. Ravishankar.

Tanveer Sait's assets see rise of nearly Rs.5 crore in five years

Mysuru, Apr. 24- Minister and NR Constituency Congress candidate Tanveer Sait's assets has risen by Rs.4.94 crore in the past five years.

Tanveer Sait had declared assets worth Rs.5.08 crore in 2013 and now his assets has reached Rs.10.02 crore, an increase of Rs.4.94 in five years.

Tanveer Sait, a graduate, has property worth Rs.4.10 crore, his wife Sameena Banu has personal property worth Rs.3.68 crore and children Parvin Sait and Javed Sait totally own Rs.2.24 crore.

Tanveer Sait has declared that his family's annual income is Rs.33.55 lakh.

His family owns movable property worth Rs.4.72 crore and immoveable property worth Rs.5.30 crore. Apart from having personal deposits in a few banks, Tanveer Sait owns a bike and a car totally worth Rs.16.76 lakh.

His wife Sameena Banu owns jewellery worth Rs.7.92 lakh, according to the declaration.

M.K. Somashekar declares Rs.7.50 crore assets

Mysuru, Apr.24- K.R. Constituency Congress MLA and party candidate M.K. Somashekar has declared his assets as worth Rs.7.50 crore.

Somashekar, in his asset declaration in nomination papers filed yesterday, has said that his wife L. Kusuma and daughters M.S. Meghana and M.S. Pranusha as dependents.

Somashekar has said that he has movable properties worth Rs.34,35,433 and owned 270 gms of gold jewellery.

He further said that he owes Rs.1.46 crore to financial institutions. His wife owns property worth Rs.1 crore. However, she has an outstanding loan of Rs.1,66,94,355. His daughter M.S. Pranusha owns Rs.27,25,144 worth property and has a loan of Rs.18 lakh.

Congress to release poll manifesto on Apr. 27

Bengaluru, Apr.24- The State Congress will release its manifesto for the upcoming Assembly polls on Apr.27. The manifesto, said to be containing more than 200 promises, will be released simultaneously at different places by top leaders of the party.

While AICC President Rahul Gandhi, who will be campaigning in the State, will release the manifesto at Mangaluru, Sam Pitroda at Bengaluru, senior leader Mallikarjun Kharge at Kalaburagi and former Union Minister and MP Shashi Tharoor at Hubballi on Apr.27. The manifesto is prepared by party's Manifesto Committee headed by MP and former CM Veerappa Moily, taking into consideration all local, regional and State issues.

Congress leaders want Priyanka Gandhi to campaign

Priyanka Gandhi

Bengaluru, Apr.24- With the May 12 Assembly Polls fast approaching, Congress leaders are said to be exhorting pressure on Priyanka Gandhi, sister of All India Congress Committee (AICC) President Rahul Gandhi, to campaign in the State. Some top Congress leaders who met Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and KPCC President Dr. G. Parameshwara, have urged them to convince Priyanka Gandhi to campaign in the State as it would be advantageous for the party.

These leaders are also said to have pressed the CM and the KPCC Chief to appeal Priyanka to address at least four rallies ahead of the polls as it would largely help in attracting young voters to the party.

Siddharamaiah and Dr. Parameshwara are said to have assured the Congress leaders that they would discuss the issue with the party High Command.

HDK says Bhavani Revanna's remark was not against MLA

Kumaraswamy

Bhavani Revanna

S.R. Mahesh

Mysuru, Apr.24 (RK&DM)- State JD(S) President and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) has maintained that party leader Bhavani Revanna's remark in a video was not aimed at defeating K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh and the remark was in fact a call to defeat father-son duo.

Making a reference to Bhavani Revanna's remark which went viral a few days ago at an interaction with journalists at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Kumaraswamy said that he too viewed the video and he found nothing sensational in the remark of Bhavani Revanna, who is the wife of his (HDK) elder brother H.D. Revanna.

He further said that Bhavani's remark on defeating father-son duo was aimed at someone else and certainly not S.R. Mahesh.

Asserting that the party candidate S.R. Mahesh will win hands down in K.R. Nagar, the JD(S) leader put to rest all controversies over Bhavani Revanna's remark by saying that the entire H.D. Deve Gowda clan was behind the party candidate and MLA S.R. Mahesh.

K.R. Pet MLA falls ill

Narayanagowda

K.R. Pet, Apr.24- K.R. Pet JD(S) MLA K.C. Narayanagowda, who had filed his nomination as the JD(S) candidate yesterday morning, took ill later in the evening and was treated at a local hospital.

Narayanagowda, who was upset after JD(S) Supremo issued the party's 'C' form to another aspirant B.L. Devaraj, had staged a protest along with his supporters at the town's Bommegowda Circle on Mysuru - Channarayapatna Road later in the evening, when the MLA took ill due to severe fluctuations in his Blood Pressure, it is learnt.

Obituary

Cherumandanda Kamini Joyappa

Mysuru, Apr.24- Cherumandanda Kamini Joyappa (Mandachanda), wife of C.K. Joyappa and a resident of V.V. Mohalla in city, passed away at her native place Parane in Kodagu on Sunday. She was 77.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons, a daughter, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed in Kodagu yesterday, according to family sources.

Family can be contacted on Mob: 98456-36948.

NEWS BRIEFS

Vidyarthi Chaithanya Camp

Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya is conducting Vidyarthi Chaitanya Camp for school students (6th std. to 10th std.) at Sahaj Raja Yoga Centre, Old Canara Bank Road, Yelwal, from Apr.24 to 26 between 10 am and 1 pm. For registration, contact BK Seemakka on Mob: 81050-83945.

Health camps

Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital, Devanur, has organised Varicose Veins Clinic at its premises on Apr.24 from 10 am to 12 noon. Also, a Liver Screening Camp using Fibro-scanning will be held on Apr.24 between 10 am and 3 pm. For details, contact Mob: 95380-52378.

Eye camps

As part of World Health Day, free eye check-up and cataract surgery camp has been organised at Community Health Centre in Jayapura and Primary Health Centre in Dura on Apr.25 from 9.30 am to 1 pm, under the joint aegis of Lions Club of Mysore Narasimharaja, Lions Club of Mysore Rajiv Nagar and District Blindness Control Institute, Mysuru.

Railway Week Celebrations

Central Workshop Mysuru South, South Western Railway (SWR), has organised the 63rd Railway Week celebrations at Diamond Jubilee Sports Complex, NIE campus, on Manandavadi Road in city on Apr.25 at 4 pm. Chief Workshop Manager Neeraj Jain will be the chief guest.

Healthy Life Camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Alanahalli, has organised a 'Healthy Life Camp' at its premises from May 1 to 7. Interested may register their names before Apr.28 on Ph: 0821-2548231/ 433 or contact Dr. Krishna Prasad on Mob: 98806-56297.

Srinivasa Kalyanotsava

Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra, CA 3&4, Revanna Layout, Srirampura 2nd Stage, will be conducting 'Srinivasa Kalyanotsava' at 3 pm on Apr.30. For details, call: 94489-05326 or 70196-07404.

BJP leaders holed up in city hotel; hold talks since 6 am

Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road out of bounds for public and party workers

Mysuru, Apr.24 (RK&BCT)- The President Hotel near Sub-Urban Bus Station on the Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road became a beehive of activity this morning where a meeting between BJP National General-Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Karnataka in-charge K. Muralidhar Rao and BJP's election-in-charge for Karnataka, Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar and BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa took place.

Javadekar and Muralidhar Rao arrived in Mysuru late last night and stayed at the same hotel. The leaders began hectic parleys with Yeddyurappa since 6 am over the issue of nominating an ordinary party worker to contest in Varuna Assembly constituency instead of Yeddyurappa's son B.Y. Vijayendra contesting against Congress candidate and Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's son Dr. Yathindra.

Today's meeting was held at the Fourth Floor of the Hotel and sources said that it was a one-on-one meeting with Javadekar, Muralidhar Rao and Yeddyurappa. Sources said that the leaders held a couple of rounds of talks over the breakfast table. Talks began early as the party had to first convince Yeddyurappa on the party High Command's decision not to field Vijayendra and at the same time find a suitable candidate for Varuna to take on Yathindra.

The Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road where the hotel is located and the surrounding roads were declared out of bounds for party workers and even the media persons were not allowed entry. Over 100 Policemen were guarding the entry and exit road to the Hotel and barricades were set up. Both the national BJP leaders had to rush to Mysuru after violent protests were witnessed in Nanjangud town and in Mysuru yesterday following Yeddyurappa announcing that his son Vijayendra will not contest the election from Varuna.

The trouble began yesterday at a meeting that was convened in Nanjangud town ahead of a procession to be taken out for Vijayendra to file his nomination papers for Varuna seat yesterday afternoon. At the meeting, Yeddyurappa announced that Vijayendra will not be the party's candidate from Varuna.

"ZP Member Sadananda, who has worked from the grassroots level to strengthen the party, would be fielded from Varuna. Vijayendra will stay in Mysuru and campaign for BJP candidates in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts," he said.

As soon as Yeddyurappa made the announcement, commotion prevailed at the venue of the meeting. Party workers shouted slogans, stormed the dais and ransacked it and threw the furniture. The protesters vent their ire by defacing posters of BJP leaders B.L. Santhosh, Ananth Kumar, Anant Kumar Hegde, Prathap Simha and R. Ashok. They suspected that the BJP leaders have conspired against the family of Yeddyurappa.

While Yeddyurappa and Vijayendra were leaving the venue, the party workers intercepted their cars and shouted slogans.

Police resorted to mild lathi charge *(see pic below)* and took a few persons into custody to bring the situation under control. Vijayendra had to be escorted in a Police vehicle to prevent his supporters from mobbing him.

As Yeddyurappa and other leaders reached Mysuru, the protests shifted to the city. The party workers thronged The President Hotel where the leaders were put up. The Police dispersed the crowd using force. Later, all access roads to the hotel were blocked for the public. The leaders, including Yeddyurappa's sons Vijayendra and Raghavendra, S.A. Ramdas and Pratap Simha held several rounds of meetings to handle the situation.

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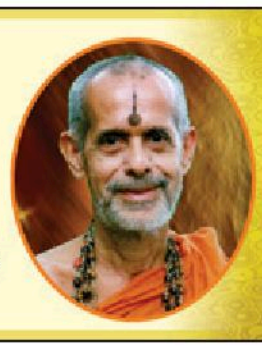

The age of darkness is upon us

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Why has religion become an instrument of evil instead of a road to enlightenment? Why are there so many well-placed people ready to justify evil? Why is hope giving way to despair? Why is light going out and darkness spreading? Clues are there in the wisdom of the ages. But can they give comfort in the midst of vexations that crush us?

Why should life get so degenerate so often in our country? See the multiplying rape cases, each more brutal than the other. Why should party leaders talk like party leaders and not like human beings when human issues come up? Comments on the Kathua rape horror were an indiscretion, said the BJP's *buddhijeevi,* Ram Madhav. Why should election advertisements assume that the citizen is an ass? One that asks Karnataka voters to support the BJP "for a corruption-free State" carried the picture of Yeddyurappa, the Chief Minister who made history by going to jail for corruption.

Party leaders justifying rape is an astonishing phenomenon. Meenakshi Lekhi's concern was not about the girls who were brutalised, but why the media was talking only about rapes in BJP-run States? Maneka Gandhi, whose concern for animals is touching, says that the BJP should not be blamed for the actions of "one or two bad eggs." In Kathua, BJP Ministers blocked Police investigation for four months. One of them asked: "What if this girl has died? Many girls die every day." In Unnao, the accused MLA was taken in for questioning only ten months after the girl's complaint. The MLA's thugs had beaten the girl's father to death for raising questions. Even today bodies like the National Women's Commission have kept deafening silence.

The insensitivity shown by the ruling dispensation has shocked civil society so much that 49 retired IAS and IPS officers wrote an open letter to the Prime Minister expressing despair over "the terrifying state of affairs." Saying that they are citizens with no affiliations with any political party, these experienced administrators drew attention to "the frightening climate of hate, fear and viciousness that the ruling establishment has insidiously induced." They drew special attention to "the bestiality and barbarity involved in the rape and murder of an 8-year-old child" in Kashmir.

A responsible Government would seek ways to not only contain the criminality that seems to be growing, but also examine the sociological aspects of the issue. It was the BBC that drew attention to an unnoticed aspect of the rape culture in India. The desire for sons and the willingness to get rid of daughters even before they are born have made sex-selection abortions common in many parts of the country. The result is "an awful sex ratio imbalance" that has made India "a country full of men." For every 100 girls, 112 boys are born in India, the healthy ratio being 105 boys for every 100 girls. Haryana has the worst sex ratio — and the highest number of gang rapes. Facts cry out for attention from our policy makers, but they are interested only in birth-count by religion.

Calculations are constantly being made for narrow partisan gains. Why has cash become suddenly unavailable? The Finance Minister says with his customary casualness that "there is more than adequate currency available with the banks" and everything will be normal in three days. If there is adequate currency around, why can't citizens get it? And why does it take three days for things to be normal? Last time also, cash had disappeared on the eve of an important election. The manipulative capacity of the ruling party has spread distrust and apprehensions all around. But the cynicism of the administration remains untouched.

Why have things gone so irregular, so amoral? Why has religion become an instrument of evil instead of a road to enlightenment? Why are there so many well-placed people ready to justify evil? Why is hope giving way to despair? Why is light going out and darkness spreading? Clues are there in the wisdom of the ages. But can they give comfort in the midst of vexations that crush us? Nothing could be clearer than the tidings about the Age of Darkness in the *Vishnu Purana.*

When corruption is beyond every measure of control,

Wealth alone will be the deciding factor of nobility, and brute force the only standard of deciding what is righteous or just;

People will be greedy and will take to wicked behaviour;

Countries will be laid waste and robbers and vagabonds and kings will exploit their subjects;

Petty minds will conduct business and merchants will be dishonest;

People will occupy high seats and pretend to preach religion;

Anxiety and fear will dominate because of devastating famines and heavy taxation;

The land will not grow food crops and people will dread of impending droughts.

So the sages knew it was coming. But we paid no heed to the warnings.

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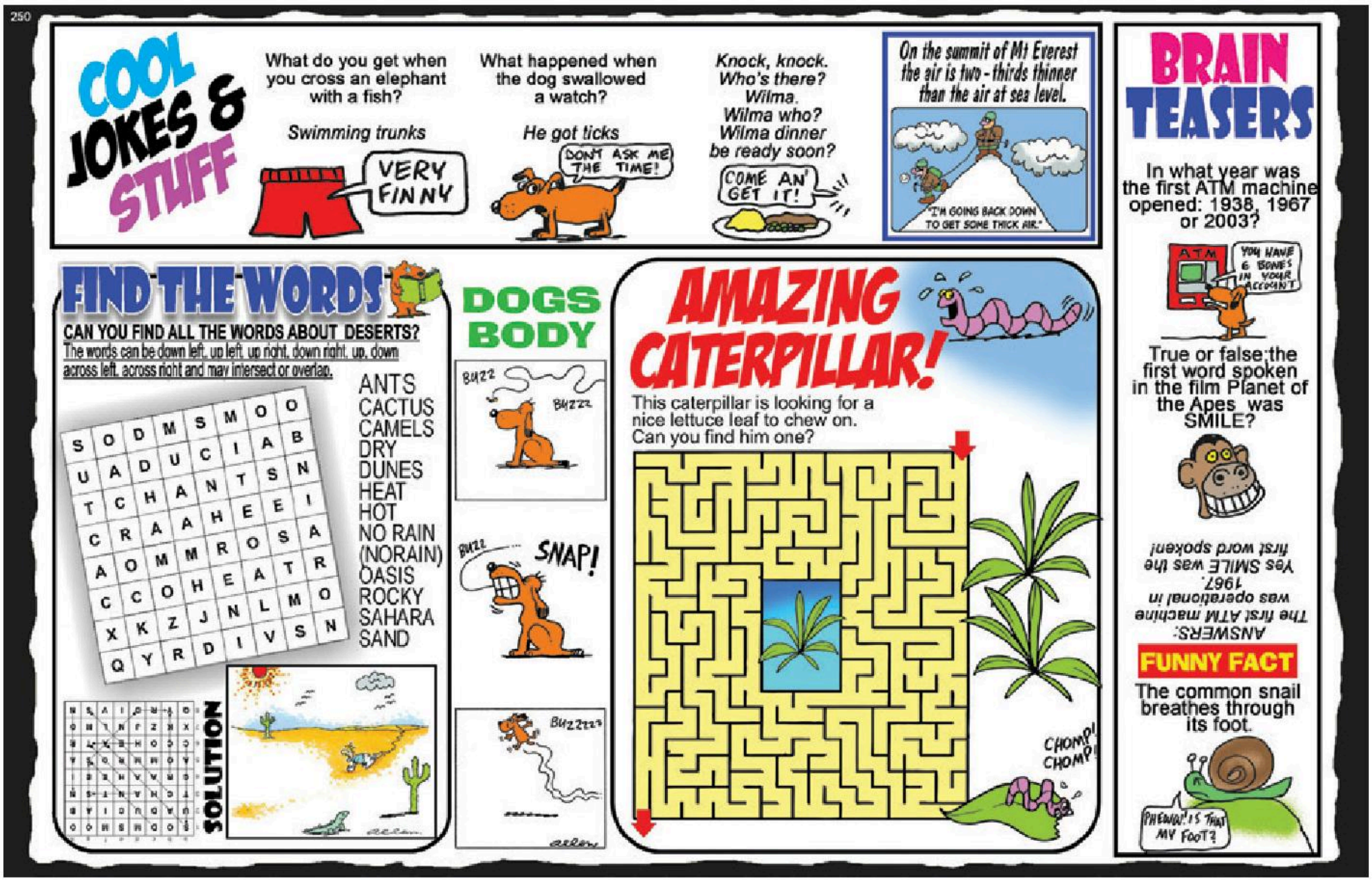
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COOL JOKES & STUFF
What do you get when you cross an elephant with a fish?
Swimming trunks
VERY FINNY
What happened when the dog swallowed a watch?
He got ticks
DON'T ASK ME THE TIME!
Knock, knock. Who's there? Wilma. Wilma who? Wilma dinner be ready soon?
COME AN' GET IT!
On the summit of Mt Everest the air is two-thirds thinner than the air at sea level.
"I'M GOING BACK DOWN TO GET SOME THICK AIR."
BRAIN TEASERS
In what year was the first ATM machine opened: 1938, 1967 or 2003?
ATM
YOU HAVE 6 BONES IN YOUR ACCOUNT
True or false: the first word spoken in the film Planet of the Apes was SMILE?
ANSWERS:
The first ATM machine was operational in 1967.
Yes SMILE was the first word spoken!
FUNNY FACT
The common snail breathes through its foot.
PHEWW! IS THAT MY FOOT?
FIND THE WORDS
CAN YOU FIND ALL THE WORDS ABOUT DESERTS?
The words can be down left, up left, up right, down right, up, down across left, across right and may intersect or overlap.
S O D M S M O O
U A D U C I A B
T C H A N T S N
C R A A H E E I
A O M M R O S A
C C O H E A T R
X K Z J N L M O
Q Y R D I V S N
ANTS
CACTUS
CAMELS
DRY
DUNES
HEAT
HOT
NO RAIN
(NORAIN)
OASIS
ROCKY
SAHARA
SAND
SOLUTION
DOGS BODY
BUZZ
BUZZZ
BUZZ
SNAP!
BUZZZZZ
AMAZING CATERPILLAR!
This caterpillar is looking for a nice lettuce leaf to chew on. Can you find him one?
CHOMP! CHOMP!

It's official: Vijayendra will not contest from Varuna

BJP leaders Prakash Javadekar, Yeddyurappa, Muralidhar Rao hold marathon talks; Vijayendra to be made BJP General Secretary to strengthen party from grassroots level

BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa, BJP National General Secretary and Karnataka In-charge K. Muralidhar Rao and BJP's election-in-charge for Karnataka - Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar, at The President Hotel in city this morning after holding a couple of rounds of marathon meeting.

Mysuru, Apr.24 (RK&BCT)- It's now official. The sons of two political veterans running for Karnataka Chief Minister's post will not face off in Varuna constituency. Varuna, with Chief Minister Siddharamaiah as its current MLA, was prepping for weeks for a showdown between Siddharamaiah's son, Dr. Yathindra and B.Y. Vijayendra, the son of BJP's Chief Minister candidate, B.S. Yeddyurappa. The party State unit has bowed to the High Command that has decided not to field Vijayendra.

After a couple of rounds of marathon meeting with Yeddyurappa at The President Hotel since 6 am today, BJP National General Secretary and Karnataka In-charge K. Muralidhar Rao and BJP's election-in-charge for Karnataka - Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar, Yeddyurappa announced at 10.30 am outside the Hotel that his son will not contest the Varuna seat.

"The BJP High Command has taken a decision not to field my son Vijayendra and we bow before the decision," he said. I have already instructed my son not to contest and he has agreed. He will instead campaign for the official candidate which will be announced soon after consulting the High Command," he said.

Elaborating, Yeddyurappa said that his son will suitably be given a position in the party and he will canvass for party candidates in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts. Sources said that Vijayendra will be given the post of Party General Secretary so that he can build the party from the grassroot level.

As soon as Yeddyurappa made the announcement, party workers, who had assembled near the Hotel, staged protests and the Police had to resort to lathi charge to disperse the crowd. When Yeddyurappa, Muralidhar Rao and Prakash Javadekar came out of the Hotel, party workers mobbed them and pleaded that Vijayendra be made the candidate for Varuna as his candidature will send positive vibes across Mysuru and Chamarajanagar.

Even Muralidhar Rao and Prakash Javadekar said that they have to follow the directives of the High Command. But when they were continued to be gheraoed, the Police intervened and dispersed the crowd so that the leaders could leave the Hotel.

Sources said that both Muralidhar Rao and Prakash Javadekar left to Bengaluru in a special flight. They could not speak to Party National President Amit Shah as he was on a flight to New Delhi. Sources added that Muralidhar Rao and Prakash Javadekar would get in touch with Shah once they reach Bengaluru and finalise the Varuna candidate.

Inside sources said that the High Command was not in favour of Vijayendra though Vijayendra started campaigning extensively in Varuna. Yeddyurappa's detractors in the party took up the issue with the central leadership and they are said to have impressed upon the High Command that Yeddyurappa's elder son B.Y. Raghavendra is already a member of the Lok Sabha representing the Shivamogga constituency and now Raghavendra is poised to enter mainstream electoral politics.

Sources said that the High Command was convinced by Yeddyurappa's detractors that if Vijayendra was made Varuna candidate, the BJP will have no moral right to criticise Congress that is pursuing dynastic politics. Some also say that Yeddyurappa himself took a decision not to field Vijayendra after BJP's internal survey showed that the party was not winning Varuna constituency.

There was no opposition to Vijayendra's candidature and if the party wanted, it could have announced his name in the first, second or third list. The fact that his name was withheld for so long is a clear indication that the leaders were waiting to take a right decision at an appropriate time, sources added.

I will not contest: Sadananda

Sadananda

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (RK&BCT)- Zilla Panchayat Member Sadananda who was projected by the BJP to contest in Varuna constituency instead of BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa's son B.Y. Vijayendra, has refused to contest the elections.

Speaking to reporters this morning, Sadananda said that he has decided not to contest in Varuna even if the party High Command asks him to do so.

"I will not contest and if the High Command denies ticket to Vijayendra, we will convince Vijayendra to contest as Independent and ensure his victory," he told reporters.

Mega voters awareness rally this evening

Mysuru, Apr.24 (US)- In a bid to create awareness among people on the necessity and importance of voting in election, SVEEP (Systematic Voters Educational Electoral Participation) Committee has organised a mega awareness rally today at 4 pm in city. About 1,300 people from all walks of life are expected to participate in the event.

The mega rally which will be taken out in four batches each, will feature street plays along with the Police Band. All the four batches of rallies will converge at K.R. Circle at 6.45 pm. A human chain will be formed at the Circle followed by a torchlight march.

DC & District Electoral Officer Darpan Jain, ZP CEO & SVEEP Committee Chairman P. Shivashankar, City Police Commissioner Dr. A.S. Rao, SP Amit Singh, MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadish and MUDA Commissioner Kantharaj will participate.

The rally of first batch will commence from the DC's office which will be flagged off by University of Mysore Registrar D. Bharathi. The rally will be led by Madiyaligan, Chairman, DoS in Sports Science & PE, Dr. Ramani, PE Director, Maharani's College and Ramesh Babu, NSS Coordinator. About 300 students of Maharaja's College, Maharani's College, Yuvaraja's College and NSS students are expected to participate in the rally.

The 2nd batch will be flagged off by MMC&RI In-charge Director Dr. Dakshayini near K.R. Hospital and will be led by Anatomy Dept. Head Dr. K.T. Chandrashekar and Dr. Manjunath. Over 300 Medical & Ayurveda students will participate.

The 3rd batch will be flagged off by CAR DCP Kittur at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad. About 300 staff of District Health Office, Nursing students, trainees at KPA, students of DIET and others will participate.

The rally of 4th batch will commence from Basaveshwara Circle. Over 300 students of JSS Institutions will participate.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of Digvijaya Bharatha Party (Name of the Party). The office of the party is located at # 5, (40/G), 21st Main Road, Marenahalli, Vijayanagar, (Standard English School), Bangalore-560 040. This party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as political party under section 29A of the Representation of People Act 1951 - Names / address of the office - bearers of the party are as follows.

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Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Boat Burners of BJP

BJP will win Karnataka only if Amit Shah and B.S. Yeddyurappa work together to the exclusion of others with ambition

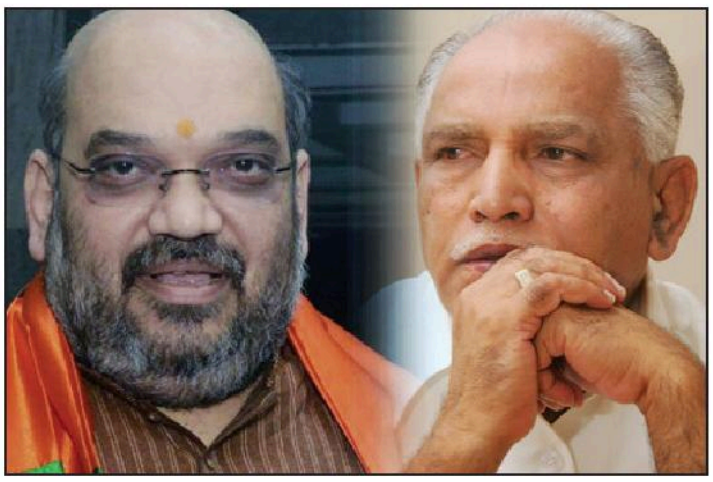
Yesterday I had left Mysuru early morning for Bengaluru to see an ailing friend and returned late in the evening when the Star appeared in the house, I mean *Star of Mysore*. The lead headline shocked me so much so I called my editor M. Govinde Gowda, a minor expert in Gowda and Lingayat politics of old Mysuru, and asked if it was the High Command at Delhi or at Bengaluru that had the BJP boat of hope in Karnataka burnt even before it had set sail in South Karnataka.

He gave a tongue-in-cheek reply. 'Sir, no doubt with an effete Congress High Command at Delhi, the High Command in Karnataka is Siddharamaiah. However, for BJP, the High Command is still in Delhi with its *Sutradhar* in Nagpur. **Casteism seems to resonate strongly within the BJP these days.'**

I checked with a couple of my friends in BJP. And what I heard was a lecture on how plans are already afoot to weaken the BJP's Chief Ministerial candidate B.S. Yeddyurappa even before BJP has won the May 12 elections getting the magic number of 113 out of 224 seats. The plan is to make his selection as the Chief Ministerial candidate, about which Amit Shah keeps declaring in all his public meetings, as untenable as possible.

What happened at Nanjangud yesterday was the ultimate attack on Yeddyurappa's image as BJP's State leader, even more as the undisputed leader of Veerashaiva-Lingayat community across the State just as Siddharamaiah is seen and is the undisputed leader of the Kuruba community along with the fragmented Ahinda outfit. Advantage is to Siddharamaiah *per se* and definitely to his son Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah.

Apparently, BJP High Command and the *Sutradhars* sent from Nagpur do not seem to have learnt any political lesson from BJP's disastrous performance in 2013 getting a mere 40 seats, which is equal to the 40 seats garnered by the third political force in Karnataka, the Vokkaliga-dominated JD(S). This gave Congress, led by the migrant leader Siddharamaiah, a comfortable number of 122. The magic number was 113.



Amit Shah *B.S. Yeddyurappa*

Are we going to see in Varuna Constituency a replay of 2006 by-election in Chamundeshwari Constituency where Siddharamaiah contested as Congress candidate after quitting JD(S) and also his MLA seat? One S. Shivabasappa, a political non-entity, a Veerashiva leader of Mysuru taluk who was not a politician but was canvassing for Congress leader M. Rajashekarmurthy, aged 70 years, was fielded as JD(S) candidate against the powerful Siddharamaiah. And Siddharamaiah won by a whisker — by 257 votes.

Who knows, now in Varuna too, a miracle can happen where the present BJP candidate Thotadappa Basavaraju, a Lingayat and a disciple of Ananth Kumar, the Union Minister, may either win or lose by a whisker like it happened in the case of late Shivabasappa in 2006. Now BJP should wait for a miracle in the absence of a favourite, winning candidate B.Y. Vijayendra. Amen!

In the earlier election held in May 2008, BJP, under the leadership of the same Yeddyurappa, had secured 110 seats, short of 3 seats for the magic number, with the Congress trailing behind (80 seats). BJP, though captured power through questionable and dubious ways, what with the *Operation Kamala* and with some help from the infamous Ballari Reddy Brothers entering BJP like a bull entering the China shop, made Yeddyurappa the Chief Minister. Soon a former Central Minister and an MP from Karnataka, Ananth Kumar, was breathing down his neck like a dragon. This situation was compounded by many cases of corruption at high places (ask former Lokayukta Justice Santosh Hegde) which finally, after three years, led to the doom and downfall of Yeddyurappa. And what a fall. He had to suffer the ignominy of going to jail for a while with the refusal of bail in a case. **Thus the future of BJP in Karnataka was already foretold when BJP's High Command remained a silent witness to its Karnataka leader's days of doom.**

Ananth Kumar, who thought would succeed Yeddyurappa, could not because Yeddyurappa played his political game well by holding the cards close to his heart. He ensured a person from Gowda community (who later let him down) and then a person from his own Lingayat community was made the Chief Minister to complete the statutory five-year term. And Siddharamaiah, as Congress opposition leader, was biding his time like a predator in this treacherous political jungle.

By now BJP High Command at Delhi with an unknown name as its State President was under the delusion that a legally stigmatised Yeddyurappa is not needed. **Yeddyurappa soon launched his own party KJP. The result? In the 2013 election, Congress under Siddharamaiah romped home with a solid 122 seats with the National political party BJP reduced to a rump with 40 from its earlier 110 under Yeddyurappa. The reason? Not that people did not like BJP but they liked BJP with Yeddyurappa as its leader. Due to BJP's internal strife, both Yeddyurappa's KJP and the BJP lost very badly.**

In this defeat, both realised that only together they can win and Yeddyurappa returned to the BJP fold as its President. Now in this 2018 May election with Yeddyurappa as BJP's CM candidate, the BJP has been hopeful of winning but developments like yesterdays have sent a wrong message to BJP supporters. **Neither the BJP at the Centre nor the RSS, the *Sutradhar,* seems to have learnt any lesson from its 2013 defeat. What happened in Nanjangud yesterday is an indication of this folly.**

If the BJP and the RSS did not want B.Y. Vijayendra as its candidate for Varuna (to take on Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's son Dr. Yathindra), both Yeddyurappa and his son Vijayendra should have been told not to enter Varuna Constituency as an aspirant right in the beginning. He came here with confidence and heraldry by his large number of local supporters, not stealthily. His entry had made big news in all the National, State and local papers and on TV, both National and State and BJP High Command can't say it did not know.

Now, after allowing him to have a free-run of Varuna Constituency, to the exclusion of any other aspirant, for over a month, to say that Yeddyurappa's son Vijayendra is not BJP candidate at the last minute, that too while he was going to file his nomination with great fanfare, is nothing but an **insane decision,** no matter what moral, ethical or legal issues are flaunted as the reason.

This time too, like in 2013, BJP does not need Siddharamaiah, the Karnataka Congress High Command, to decimate BJP. Siddharamaiah's job is made easy by BJP's wise men in Delhi and Nagpur. Anyone to take the bet? Well sir, but miracles can always happen. Siddharamaiah has fragmented the society so much — Tipu, flag, withdrawal of criminal cases, discrimination between communities in Government services and the most dangerous one of dividing religions. Who knows, the voters may say enough is enough and let another party rule for another term. Which means BJP might win by default !

It looks that the BJP High Command at Delhi does not like Yeddyurappa, it likes only the votes he brings. Which is why a political pundit from London, James Manor, who has studied Karnataka politics for over 40 years, says that there are BJP National leaders who do not like Yeddyurappa but they should ask themselves who are the other Karnataka BJP leaders who would be better.

James Manor also warns BJP in the context of the ongoing Karnataka election: "Even if Congress gains many more votes than BJP without getting a majority of seats, it will dent the image and confidence of the BJP." This has happened in the last Gujarat Assembly election and continued in the recent by-election. This may also reflect in the 2019 Parliamentary election. BJP is warned.

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Thespian Dr. Rajkumar remembered

Deputy Commissioner Darpan Jain seen after garlanding the statue of Dr. Rajkumar as part of the latter's 89th birth anniversary this morning as DCP N. Vishnuvardhana, Assistant Director of the Department of Kannada and Culture H. Channappa and others look on.

Mysuru, Apr.24 (RKB&US)- The 89th birth anniversary of Thespian late Dr. Rajkumar was celebrated at various places in city this morning.

On behalf of the District Administration, the statue of Dr. Rajkumar at Rajkumar Park in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple was garlanded by Deputy Commissioner Darpan Jain.

ADC T. Yogesh, ZP CEO P. Shivashankar, DCP N. Vishunvardhana, Department of Information and Public Relations Assistant Director Raju, Department of Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa and others were present.

Members of Shiva Sainya Shivarajkumar Abhimani Sangha, led by Hon. President Somamma and President Ravi, also garlanded the statue and a huge cake was cut on the occasion.

Members of City Hotel Owner's Association, led by President C. Narayanagowda, too garlanded the statue and distributed sweets to about 10,000 people.

Karnataka Exhibition Authority CEO's Office Manager C.V. Reddappa garlanded the bust of Dr. Rajkumar near the office.

A bust of Dr. Rajkumar on Chamaraja Double Road was garlanded by members of Mayura Kannada Yuvakara Sangha led by President Srinath Babu.

Members of Rajkumar Kannada Sangha offered floral tributes to a portrait of Dr. Rajkumar and distributed juice and butter milk to the people.

Similarly, members of Simhada Mari Kannada Sangha showered flowers on the portrait of Dr. Rajkumar on Vinoba Road. Butter milk and juice were distributed on the occasion.

My house not raided: PWD Minister

Hubballi/ Mysuru, Apr.24 (MTY&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah this morning said that the Union Government was misusing the Income Tax Department to scare Congress leaders. He was reacting to reports of I-T raids on Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa. However, Mahadevappa, as well as the I-T Department, denied that any raids were underway at properties of the Minister.

Speaking to reporters before leaving for Badami to file his nomination papers, Siddharamaiah said, "It is very unfortunate that the Union Government is misusing a vital Department to disturb Congress leaders. I-T Department raid on Dr. Mahadevappa's residence in Mysuru is politically motivated."

Meanwhile, in Mysuru, Dr. Mahadevappa denied that any raids were conducted at his house. He said that he had no information about any raids on him. I-T Department officials also clarified that raids were underway at properties belonging to contractors and no Minister was being raided.

BJP fields Thotadappa Basavaraju

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On his part, Thotadappa Basavaraju said that he had all his documents ready and was awaiting the 'B Form' from the party. "The B Form is on its way and it will be brought by air so that I will file my nominations," he said. The BJP started hectic parleys early this morning as today is the last day for filing nominations.

Fifty-six-year-old Thotadappa Basavaraju, a Lingayat candidate, has been a BJP worker since 1980. He hails from T. Narasipur and owns a hotel called "Thotadappa Home Nest" at T. Narasipur. A staunch follower of Union Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar, Basavaraju was a strong aspirant for BJP ticket this time. However, cold water was splashed on his aspirations after Vijayendra started campaigning at Varuna.

Upset by this, Thotadappa Basavaraju filed his nominations as a BJP candidate from Varuna on Apr.19 but without 'B Form.' Now that he has been selected by the BJP as its official candidate, he told *Star of Mysore* this morning: "I had filed my papers as a BJP candidate and I had not submitted the 'B Form.' Now I will re-file my nominations as the official BJP candidate."

Thotadappa Basavaraju added that he has worked for the party at various levels and is sure of victory. "Even Vijayendra will campaign for me and I am sure the party will be united in fighting the CM's son," he added.

Thotadappa Basavaraju filed his nomination papers at around 1.30 pm after receiving the B-Form today.

HECTIC ACTIVITY

Today being the last day of filing nominations, Mysuru witnessed hectic political activities. Soon after the BJP announced that it will not field Yeddyurappa's son B.Y. Vijayendra from Varuna, the JDS(S) toyed with the idea of fielding G.D. Harish Gowda, the son of Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD), from Varuna against CM Siddharamaiah's son Dr. Yathindra.

Even the name of retired Director General of Police L. Revanasiddaiah was doing the rounds as the BJP candidate. The former IPS officer had quit Congress recently for being 'treated shabbily' and had openly expressed his desire to defeat Siddharamaiah. However, the BJP decided to field Thotadappa Basavaraju.

At a hurriedly called press conference at his house in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, GTD clarified that his son was not contesting from Varuna.

"My son is looking after my election work in Chamundeshwari and all my supporters want him there and not Varuna," he said.

Cartoons that will make you want to go VOTE

Mysuru, Apr.24 (BCT)- Where would India feature on a list of the top 25 countries with the highest voter turnout in the world? In 2104 general elections, the average election turnout over all nine phases was around 66.38%, the highest ever in the history of Indian general elections. Compare this statistics with Belgium where 87.2% of voting-age citizens marked their ballots in 2014.

Low voter turnout in India is nothing new. Of course, it's a problem almost as old as Indian democracy itself. Reasons include disenfranchisement of some voter groups, lack of trust in politicians and political institutions, not to mention a decline in civics education.

But for social and environment activist from city Vasanthkumar Mysoremutt, waking up the voter in slumber is his foremost duty when election season arrives. He works with a mission and he admits that it is not just enough to say, 'Go Vote'. "You have to justify that." And to justify that, he has chosen a medium of cartoons to convey the to the point messages that inspires one to go and vote.

Is there any democracy without cartoons poking fun at politicians? Cartoons and cartoonist can play a major role in creating awareness among voters and increasing voter turnout. Their work can be used to send out a strong message that depicts the disadvantages of not voting.

If the Election commission has chosen cricketer Rahul Dravid as its brand ambassador to woo the voters to exercise their franchise, Vasanthkumar Mysoremutt, through his cartoons, is injecting a dose of humour into the serious business of elections in his bit to generate awareness among voters.

With a common theme "Vote You Must', he has drawn cartoons that conveys messages like — 'vote for your country', 'do not backstab democracy', 'vote for your future, greater participation for a stronger democracy', 'participate and strengthen democracy' and 'India is a young democracy and its future belongs to the youth of the nation'.

Some of the cartoons carry messages such as 'Angry with politics, express it', 'Vote you must — otherwise you will be held responsible for the future political confusion in the minds of your children', 'Vote you must even if you are confused', and 'Whether to vote or not — If you don't, somebody might, better you vote'.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Vasanthkumar Mysoremutt says: "The right to vote is the foundation of a healthy, functioning democracy. The vote is your voice and it is the most powerful tool at your disposal to not only affect change in your neighbourhood or State, but to create a better India."

"Voting is a big, big deal, but there are times, a lot of us don't step out to do it because the whole process seems too daunting or confusing. One must always that election is a golden opportunity to eliminate criminals and corrupt elements from society," he said.

People, especially youngsters think that their votes do not matter. Voting is a way to clean up the rot in politics and society. "You have the power to change the system. It is time you come out and vote for a stronger India," he added.

It has been a tendency among voters, especially in the urban areas, to treat the voting day as a day of rest. While skipping the vote may not seem to cause any harm, the long-term consequences are disastrous.

Swathi Puja at Lakshminarasimha Temple

Mysuru, Apr.24- Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yathiraj Mutt's Shaka Mutt, Kalidasa Road, has organised 'Swathi Puja' at its premises on Apr.28.

Mahasudarshana Sankalpa Homa and special abhisheka puja at 7.30 am, Special decoration at 12.30 pm, Mahamangalarthi and prasada distribution at 1 pm.

Prakarotsava will be performed at 7.30 pm and Mahamangalarthi and prasada distribution at 8 pm.

Interview with B. Saroja Devi, the Queen of Tamil Cinema - 3

Nostalgia — World of Cinema

When Jayachamaraja Wadiyar sent a yellow saree with Gandabherunda emblem and a gold ring as wedding gift to the actress

By N. Niranjan Nikam

[Continued from yesterday]

Star of Mysore (SOM): In spite of being a very successful actress, you did face financial crisis at a very young age itself. Does stardom make people become careless?

Saroja Devi: You are right, I had to pay a very heavy price. Income Tax is something that nobody can escape paying. We have to pay whatever taxes or due. But what usually happens to film stars or even many others is they end up buying sarees, jewellery, invest in houses and neglect paying their taxes. If we don't pay taxes like property tax, income tax, then they attach properties. So I have kept a separate account for paying taxes and I pay all of them on time. This year I am ready to pay the property tax.

There was a time in the early stage of my career without knowing I invested heavily in the properties out of my earnings but did not pay income tax. A time came when my property in Madras came up for auction and a few others were sealed.

I was sitting forlorn on the swing in my house one day thinking all my earnings so far are being taken away from me. Someone came and draped a shawl around me. When I turned and looked it was my husband *(yejamanru)*. He told me, 'Why are you worrying so much? I get my salary. You do not have any habits as you neither drink, nor go to the races, or play cards. Even if you lose everything do not worry; we can live comfortably with my salary.' It was such a load off my back. It gave me so much of confidence from his soothing words.

Then he went to Delhi and sat with the income tax people. Right from what I earned in my first movie till the last movie everything was calculated. I ended up paying Rs.60 lakh taxes. But my husband told the IT authorities, 'Look if she had not paid her taxes, you would have hounded her. She might have even ended up committing suicide. Many other stars are also in the same situation. After all, the shelf-life of a star is very limited. They need to save money for their rainy days. You have taken Rs.60 lakh but now my wife is not acting in many movies.' They were convinced by my husband's argument and gave concession but advised him to see that taxes are paid regularly every year. Immediately my husband came back, invested my money properly and saw to it that I had a monthly income whether I had a movie or not.

It is 30 years since my husband passed away but I never felt like marrying again. However, many suitors did come and approach. Most of them thought that since I was a film star and film stars would not mind marrying soon after they lose their husbands, they came. One of my nephews used to get furious and would even try to beat them up. I would tell him, 'Why are you getting so upset. It is not their fault. All they said was they wanted to marry me.'

Added to this my mother kept on pestering me as she felt that since I was very young and had enough wealth there should be a man in my life again to protect it. But from a young age I did not feel like falling in love. Most of my friends were all girls and I used to spend a lot of time with them. A few women do develop friendship with men; there is nothing wrong with that. Even getting married again is not wrong. May be they need security.

SOM: Unlike many heroines who fade away or become recluse, you still remain in the spotlight. What is it that keeps you alive and kicking?

Saroja Devi: Nothing special about that. If anyone invites me for a function that I feel important I attend. I move with everyone and talk to everyone. I have always been close to Rajkumar's and Sivaji Ganesan's family. I attend all the celebrations at their home. Recently I attended actress Lakshmi's son's wedding. I was literally mobbed. Everyone wanted to take photos with me. My PRO quietly sneaked me away from there and brought me to the car. At this age I cannot handle so much of stress.

SOM: At the peak of your career and with a great fan following did the thought of entering politics come to mind?

Saroja Devi: The late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi did call me to Delhi. Congress had lost the elections then to Janata Dal and V.P. Singh became the Prime Minister. Rajiv Gandhi invited me to his house. I had taken a white rose and gave it to him. He said, "Sonia will like this." I still have that memorable photograph with me in the house. Unfortunately, people do not know history and the sacrifices of many leaders like them. I was in Delhi with my husband the day Indira Gandhi was assassinated with 33 bullets pumped into her.

Then Rajiv Gandhi told me, "You have to stand for elections in Mandya as it is the Gowda belt." But I replied, "Sir, I am very sorry, I am not interested in politics. Assign me any job I will do but I will not come to politics."

He asked me, "Why Sarojaji?" I said, "I don't know somehow politics is not my cup of tea." Okay, you promise me one thing, he said. "You will not canvass for anyone in Tamil Nadu." I was taken aback, I said, "My God, I am not interested in politics, so where is the question of me canvassing." Then I took a photograph with him.

Later, Rajiv Gandhi came to Tamil Nadu for canvassing in Sriperumbudur and was killed on May 21, 1991. At 1 am the news broke out. My son came running to me and said, "Mummy, if you had accepted to canvass, Rajiv Gandhi uncle would have taken you with him. You would also have been on the dais. Then I don't know what would have happened. As it is we lost our daddy. We would also have lost you." I was like MGR to the people of Tamil Nadu and if I had asked them to vote for him they would have probably listened to me.

SOM: You mentioned that you have great respect for the Mysore Maharajas and you treat them like God. Can you share with us some of the incidences?

Saroja Devi: Yes, I like to share a few of my experiences. I went to invite Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar for my wedding in 1967 as he had agreed to come. But he had gone for hunting and hurt his toes. First we came to the Mysore Palace to invite him. My mother requested him to attend the wedding. She said, "Maharajare, you must come for her wedding. She respects and treats you like a God." He promised to come and then he enquired about the groom, which place he was from and what he was doing? Then he asked the servants to show us around the Palace. My marriage was fixed for Mar. 1, 1967.

He could not attend as he had hurt his leg. Even as the reception was going on in Bengaluru, the Maharaja had sent a plate containing a yellow colour saree with Gandabherunda emblem which I still preserve, a gold ring and fruits. He was a great scholar, he had composed many songs and there was something very divine about him.

Then I came for the opening of Sangam theatre in Mysuru for which Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar had come. When he became the MP, he invited me and my son to the Palace. When he stood for Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) election, suddenly I got a call from him one day. I picked up the call and was shocked when he introduced himself and asked me to vote for him. I was the happiest person when Wadiyar won the elections. But I was shocked to hear about his death a few days later.

When I thought about Rajamata Pramoda Devi Wadiyar she was just like me suffering in *Kittur Chenamma.* She is truly a great lady. Even her income tax problems were solved, like mine years ago. I always prayed to God for the welfare of the Maharani and the Maharaja, because I had done the part of Alamelamma in *Bhagya Jyothi* movie where I utter the curse three times throwing the jewels into the river, *"Talakadu Maralagali, Malangi Maduvagali, Mysuru arasarige Makkalagadirali."* (Translated from Kannada it means: May Talakadu be deluged in sand, May Malangi become a whirlpool and May the Mysore Kings never beget children).

After I performed that role I got scared and many told me you will get into trouble if you go to Mysore. But Srikanta Datta Wadiyar said, "No, no, she has just performed a role which is part of history."

When I heard now that Trishikha delivered a baby boy, I was on cloud nine. I thanked Goddess Chamundeshwari for this gift. I wear the Chamundeshwari kumkum wherever I go. I felt light-hearted as it was I who had uttered that curse! Even the young Maharaja Yaduveer is very dignified. The way the young couple conducted themselves during the wedding is a role model for every young bride and groom as to how to behave on their wedding day.

SOM: Are you conscious of your image as an artiste even now and do a lot of philanthropic work?

Saroja Devi: For instance, as artistes we all have an image which we should maintain. When I went to Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple at the Palace North Gate this morning, people immediately recognised me as I got out of the car. They said, "Madam, you have not changed at all."

I am also doing a lot of philanthropic work. On April 21, 1986 my husband passed away. In his name both on his birthday and his death anniversary free eye operations are conducted at Sankar Nethralaya in Chennai. I have also pledged my eyes at Narayana Nethralaya. I have built a school in my mother's name in Channapatna where 300 to 400 girls study.

I have also instituted an award in my name called *Padma Bushan* Dr. B. Saroja Devi National Award. I have established an endowment with Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) because I trust them as they carefully guard Indian culture. This year Film Director and Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy Chairman S.V. Rajendra Singh Babu will be conferred the award on May 1 in Bengaluru BVB. Dharmadhikari of Dharmasthala Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade will confer the award.

I have no desires left. All I ask for is good health till my last breath.

[Concluded]

KSCA Inter-District Cricket Tournament

Nagarjun of Chairman XI shines

Mysuru, Apr.24- A century by opener L. Nagarjun (104, 18x4, 1x6) helped Chairman XI score a four-wicket win over Chamarajanagar XI in the KSCA Mysuru Zone Inter-District U-19 match played at the JSS-SJCE Grounds here yesterday.

SCORES

U-19 — Chamarajanagar XI: 209 in 47.4 overs (Harsha B. Srinivas 84, Swaroop 33, Md. Kaif Khan Ghori 24 n.o., M. Venkatesh 4 for 30, Sibtain Ali 2 for 28) lost to **Chairman XI:** 213 for 6 in 43 overs (L. Nagarjun 104, N.S. Swaroop 40 n.o., M. Venkatesh 23, S. Anoop 2 for 39, B.S. Harsha 2 for 31).

U-16 — Chairman XI: 200 for 8 in 50 overs (Sahil Fazil 44, Suman 37, Sohan Hegde 24, B.C. Rohan 3 for 18, Abhinandan 2 for 14) bt **Convener XI:** 138 in 37.2 overs (Chakshu R. Gowda 67, B.C. Rohan 34, Satvik Chethan 4 for 16, V. Bhuvan Kumar 3 for 14).

At Mandya

U-14: Mandya XI: 226 in 42.3 overs (Napish D'souza 61, Manish A. Gowda 44, K. Prajwal 29, G.P. Adarsh 3 for 48, Kethan 2 for 38) bt **Convener XI:** 179 in 41.3 overs (P. Gagan 109, G.S. Balaji 3 for 28, Ranjan 2 for 16).

Football: Big win for Kickers FC

Mysuru, Apr.24- A goal each by Yasir, Afroz Pasha, Idris and Saif, helped Kickers FC to register a 4-1 win over Gandhinagar FC in the MDFA 'A' Division Football league 2017-18, for the Achutha Rao Memorial Trophy played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

RESULTS

Kickers FC: 4 (Yasir 14, Afroz Pasha 19, Idris 32, Saif 50) bt **Gandhinagar FC:** 1 (Hemanth 50).

Bags Softball Championship Trophy

ATME boys team won MCICT Inter-Collegiate Softball Championship (2017-18) for the 4th time in succession. The Tournament was organised by St. Joseph FGC Mysuru at University Sports Pavilion recently. In the finals, ATME beat VTU PG Centre, Mysuru, 11-1. The winning team — *(standing)* ***Santhosh, Yashwanth, Adarsh, Sachin, Goutham, Nithin, Vinay, Prashanth, Nandeesh, Jayanth;*** *(sitting)* ***Praful (Captain), Karthik, Tiju Joseph (VC), Hemanth,*** *(kneeling)* ***Chandhu, Harshith Pramath, Niranjan and Jayasurya — is seen with ATME Principal Dr. L. Basavaraj and PE Director M.P. Muralidhar.***

Winners of Ball Badminton Tourney

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, in association with MCE, Hassan, had organised VTU-Rest of Bangalore Zone, Ball Badminton Tournament on Apr.16 and 17 at MCE, Hassan. In the final match, GSSSIETW, Mysuru, defeated Alva's Institute of Engineering and Technology, Moodabidri, to clinch the title. The winning team is seen receiving the trophy. Seen in the picture are *(standing)* ***MCE PE Director Somashekar, Dean Dr. S.N. Ravishankar, GSSSIETW PE Director B.N. Harish Gowda, Nethravathi, Kavitha Nagaraj, S. Tanushree, Sangeetha, MCE Principal Dr. K. Jayanth, Vice-Principal Dr. M.S. Ravishankar, VTU Regional Director of Hassan Zone B.M. Nagesh. D. Uma;*** *(kneeling)* ***Ananya, S.N. Varshitha, D. Tejaswini and Sandyshree.***

Punjab registers thrilling win over Delhi

Delhi, Apr.24- It wasn't a happy homecoming for Delhi Daredevils as they failed to chase 144 and Kings XI Punjab registered a 4-run win in a thrilling tie at the Feroz Shah Kotla yesterday. Going in with as many as five changes, Delhi fielded an almost new team but failed to register a victory.

India's World Cup winning U-19 captain Prithvi Shaw made his debut and looked good with the bat scoring quick-fire 22 off just 10 balls to provide a fast start in the chase. But after he departed, Delhi lost Gautam Gambhir (4) and Glen Maxwell (12) rather quickly, reducing themselves to 48/3 at the end of the powerplay.

Spinner Mujeeb-Ur-Rahman accounted for Rishabh Pant with a beautiful googly, which Pant failed to read.

Daniel Christian was then run out for 6 as Delhi were reduced to 76/5.

Rahul Tewatia and Shreyas Iyer put on a 47-run stand to get the hosts back into the game but then Tye accounted for Tewatia - who scored 24. Sran, who had been expensive all night, conceded just 4 runs from the 19th over, leaving Mujeeb to defend 17 off the final one.

Iyer managed to hit a six and find a boundary but holed out to long off in the end. But he was the only one in the Delhi batting who showed some fight and scored 57.

Earlier, Liam Plunkett starred with the ball on his IPL debut as he picked 3/15 to restrict Kings XI Punjab to a small total. Trent Boult and Avesh Khan played good supporting roles, picking 2/21 and 2/36 respectively.

Kings XI had left out Chris Gayle and the opening pair of Aaron Finch and KL Rahul failed to get going for them.

Finch's poor form continued as he was dismissed for 2. Rahul scored 23, Karun Nair and Mayank Agarwal played solid hands, scoring 21 and 34 respectively.

David Miller — who was dropped twice — scored 26 off just 19 balls to provided some sort of respectability to the total.

The loss leaves Delhi firmly rooted to the bottom of the table and they would require some sort of a miracle to progress to the next round.

Meanwhile, Kings XI Punjab now have five wins out of six games and are at the top of the table.

Ankit Rajpoot was chosen as the 'Player of the Match.'

SCORES

Kings XI Punjab: 143 for 8 in 20 overs (Karun Nair 34, David Miller 26, Lokesh Rahul 23, Mayank Agarwal 21, Liam Plunkett 3 for 17, Trent Boult 2 for 21, Avesh Khan 2 for 36) bt **Delhi Daredevils:** 139 for 8 in 20 overs (Shreyas Iyer 57, Prithvi Shaw 22, Rahul Tewatia 24, Ankit Rajpoot 2 for 23, Andrew Tye 2 for 25, Mujeeb Ur Rahman 2 for 25).

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Traffic Congestion in CBD:
MGP interacts with Merchants

By R. Chandra Prakash, MGP

Vehicular congestion in Central Business District (CBD) is escalating day by day. This has started to very adversely impact heritage, commerce and tourism of the city in general and of the CBD in particular. There is a feeling among the public that shop owners park their vehicles opposite their shops all through the day which worsens the congestion on these roads.

Chandra Prakash

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has been threatening, though meekly, to remove all cellar shops, as they were meant for the parking in the first place. Further, MCC has been contemplating, for ages though, to introduce 'pay and park' under the premise that such a step would take away the lure of reckless day-long parking, which it considers to be the main reason for the traffic congestion in the CBD.

As part of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP)'s Traffic Study Project, it was considered essential to meet the merchants in CBD to have their side of the story.

A.S. Satish, President, Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), organised a meeting with its members to interact with MGP on this crucial issue. The outcomes of this meeting were quite revealing.

A few members justified road side parking of their personal vehicles in front of their shops, as they contended that since most of them live away from CBD they are compelled to bring their vehicles to the city centre. Their question was "what has the MCC done in fulfilling their requirement of a parking space."

Merchants have been suggesting that open spaces behind D.D.Urs Road or on JLB Roads be developed into multilevel parking. Nothing has been done in this regard. On the contrary some of these places have been used for building huge public buildings which themselves generate a lot of additional vehicular congestions. Even the Town Hall Multilevel Parking is remaining in limbo due to total mismanagement by MCC.

With regard to MCC's cellar-clearance drive on DD Urs Road, merchants feel that it is only a deflective tactics to cover up MCC's failures. They point out that cellar in MCC's own buildings in the heart of the city, namely K.R.Cirlce, houses shops rented out by MCC. They point out that even if one takes a very legalistic view on cellars, the fact remains that most of these cellars are neither capable of being used as parking lots nor they have any access as entry and exit points due to very small sizes and the contours of the road on which these buildings are built.

Business in the CBD area is very adversely affected due to vendors occupying the footpaths on Sayyaji Rao Road, Gandhi Square, Harsha Road and elsewhere. The attitude of the authorities concerned such as MCC and Police, in this matter is subverting their faith in rule of law.

Merchants are prepared to create a car-pool among themselves to overcome this problem, provided MCC comes out with a genuine parking solution in the CBD. Merchants are even prepared to accept declaration of "No Vehicle Zone" on pre-decided days /dates on random selective basis in the CBD.

They offer to create an electrical-vehicle chain services for the customers in their area if that could enhance their business prospects and solve vehicular congestion.

Two-hour-long deliberations with the leading members of the MCCI gave an impression that with such a positive attitude on the part of the businessmen, there is great hope to come to some practical solution to the vexed problem of vehicular congestion in the CBD. However, the real solution may lie in the hands of authorities, both the administrative and people's representatives, in MCC.

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MCCI members who participated in the meeting include A.S.Satish, President, MCCI; Veerabhadara of Mysore Tarpaulin; Gopalkrishna of Bheema Brothers; C.M. Subramaniam, Deputy Chief Traffic Warden and SS Industrialist; Holla Kintech Industries; Srinivasa Lcap Industries; Balasubramanian, SS Industrialist; Lingaraju; Rukmini Chandran, Director, National Adventure Foundation ▪

Nine-year-old girl gang raped in city, dies at hospital

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (YDS&KS) -A nine-year-old girl, who was allegedly gang raped by two persons, died at the hospital here yesterday.

It is learnt that the victim, a fourth standard student of Kesare was playing with her friends on Sunday and came home after sometime. The next day she complained of severe headache and her parents gave her a pain killer tablet.

Meanwhile, the girl vomited within a few minutes of her consuming the tablet and her parents rushed her to a private hospital, where the doctors who examined her told her parents that the girl has been sexually assaulted and told them to take her to K.R. Hospital.

When the parents rushed her to K.R. Hospital, the doctors who examined the girl told them that the girl had undergone severe bleeding and advised them to shift the girl to a private hospital as they did not have advance treatment facilities at the hospital. The parents then rushed the child to another hospital, but the doctors told them that the girl had died on her way to the hospital.

N.R. Police, who have booked a case under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), have launched a hunt to nab the accused.

It may be mentioned that the incident took place within 48 hours of the Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved an ordinance to allow Courts to pronounce death penalty to those convicted of raping children up to 12 years of age on Saturday which was also approved by President Ram Nath Kovind.

Kyathamaranahalli riot

All 16 accused shifted to Kalaburagi Jail

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (KS) - All the 16 persons arrested in the rioting incident that took place on Apr. 20 in Udayagiri Police limits have been shifted to Kalaburagi Central Jail.

Udayagiri Police, who had booked four rioting cases, had arrested 11 people on Apr. 21, four persons on Apr. 22 and one more on Apr. 23.

Those arrested are Mohammed Ismail, Mohammed Maz, Suhail Shariff, Wasim Pasha, Syed Hafizulla, Khuram Pasha and Khaleem Pasha, all residents of Ghousianagar, Syed Zakir, Akbar Pasha and Mohammed Shabaz of Kalyangiri, Syed Thousif, Ayaz Pasha and Imran Pasha of Beedi Colony, Mohammed Misbaulla and Ahmed Pasha of Azeez Sait Nagar and Mubarak of Lashkar Mohalla.

All the accused were produced before a Court, which remanded them to judicial custody, following which all the accused were shifted to Kalaburagi Jail.

Police are on a look out for the remaining accused, according to a press release.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Bloviate

Pronunciation: BLOH-vee-ayt (verb)
Meaning: To speak or write verbosely and windily.
Origin: Warren G. Harding is often linked to bloviate, but to him the word wasn't insulting; it simply meant "to spend time idly." Harding used the word often in that "hanging around" sense, but during his tenure as the 29th US President (1921-23), he became associated with the "verbose" sense of bloviate, perhaps because his speeches tended to the long-winded side. Although he is sometimes credited with having coined the word, it's more likely that Harding picked it up from local slang while hanging around with his boyhood buddies in Ohio in the late 1800s. The term probably derives from a combination of the word blow plus the suffix -ate.

THE ODD WORD

Appersonation

A form of insanity in which the patient thinks he/she is a famous person.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Caught (or fall) between two stools

Meaning: Come between two alternatives, and so fail to fulfill either of them.
Origin: This is an old phrase. It is first cited in John Gower's Confessio Amantis, 1390: "Bot it is seid - Betwen tuo Stoles lyth the fal..."
Matthew Prior - between two stoolsThe first recorded use in modern English is in Matthew Prior's comic poem Alma; or, The Progress of the Mind, 1717: Now which were wise, and which were fools? Poor Alma sits between two stools;
The more she reads the more perplex'd, The comment ruining the text: Now fears, now hopes her doubtful fate.

QUOTE BOX

The problem with the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat.

—Lily Tomlin

RIDDLE THIS

I have a ring, but no hands. I used to be plugged into the wall but now I follow you every where. What am I?

Answer: A Telephone.

SUDOKU

	9					6	5	
5			4	2		1		
								4
2			7			8	4	
	7	3			6			2
9								
		5		3	1			9
	3	1					2	

Answer to previous puzzle

5	1	3	9	7	8	6	2	4
2	7	8	1	6	4	3	9	5
4	6	9	5	2	3	7	1	8
8	2	6	4	3	9	1	5	7
7	3	1	6	5	2	4	8	9
9	4	5	7	8	1	2	3	6
6	5	2	8	1	7	9	4	3
1	9	7	3	4	5	8	6	2
3	8	4	2	9	6	5	7	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Roman goddess of plenty
4 Eye complaint
8 Cert. Public. Accts.
12 Turkish cap
13 Dig with the finger
14 "Noel" anagram for a style of weaving?
15 Attend or go to habitually
17 ___ out: remove difficulties etc.?
18 Healed or remedied
19 Copying slavishly?
20 Wimbledon winner in 1975
22 Peddles or vends
24 Search for underground water or minerals by using a divining rod?
26 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
27 Two for the bard
30 Speaks at a public place or speaks in a pompous manner
32 Seize an advantage, in a way? (4,2)
34 Riya or Sushmita?
35 Floor covering
37 Sot trucks out in a goods yard
38 Published false statement damaging a person's reputation
40 Gaelic language
41 Rolling in the Deep singer
44 Street children or dogs
46 City near Oakland
47 Soared, progressed or prospered
50 Manage to float on water?
51 Do as one is told
52 Equip with weapons
53 Peru native
54 Alkaline solutions
55 "Kay" changes into an ox

DOWN
1 Away; not on?
2 For each
3 Chinese province popular for it's spicy cuisine
4 Goad a horse
5 Perennial plants?
6 At a distance, poetically speaking?
7 Eastern daylight-saving time, abbr.
8 Paper ___ : paper fasteners of sorts?
9 Persian fairy
10 Soon, by and by - for the poet
11 A tune or a melody
16 Search
19 An assumed name or a pen name
20 Bustles or fuss
21 Painful place
23 Resinous deposit
25 Uncanny or unearthly
27 Fifth day of the week
28 Is successful in a sporting venture?
29 Poker stake
31 Prefix meaning "beneath"
33 Lustre
36 Manages but not very very successfully? (4,2)
38 Camel-like South American ruminant
39 French school
41 In short, "American National Standards Institute"?
42 The ___ of civilization: the start or beginning of civilization?
43 Great story in the picture book!
45 Lock openers
47 US ISP
48 Age or epoch
49 Karunanidhi's party

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

B	A	N	D		E	R	G		B	S	E	S
I	S	E	E		D	E	L	P	O	T	R	O
T	H	E	N	C	E	F	O	R	W	A	R	D
T	A	P	I	R			B	I	L	L		
			S	I	C			V	E	L	D	T
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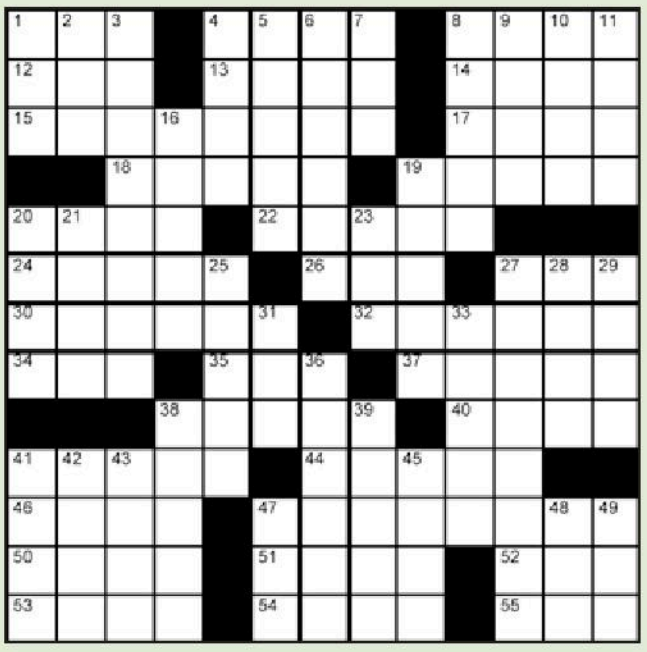

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TRRPL SOLN ZB GNISI TRRPL

NEJI UIIB UITRSI

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS O

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It is by universal misunderstanding that all agree. For if, by ill luck, people understood each other, they would never agree.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Gultoo	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Attempt to Murder	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Seizer	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Saaguva Daariyalli	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Nagavalli Vs Apthamithraru	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Krishna Tulasi	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
6 to 6	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HINDI			
Black Mail	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Pyasi Patni	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Rampage	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Bharat Ane Nenu	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
RENOVATION WORKS UNDERWAY			
---	Lido	2420885	---
---	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	---

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Rampage (E)	(S-1)	11.00 am; (S-4) 4.15 pm
Krishna Tulasi (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Truth or Dare (E)	(S-1)	4.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Gultoo (K)	(S-1)	7.20 pm
Saaguva Daariyalli (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Baaghi-2 (H)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Bharat Ane Nenu (Te)	(S-2)	4.05 pm; (S-3) 1.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.10 am, 6.30 pm, 9.55
Beyond the Clouds (H)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Swathandrayam Ardarathriyil (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Statement (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Nanu Ki Janu (H)	(S-3)	7.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Attempt to Murder (K)	(S-4)	1.45 pm

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Bharat Ane Nenu (Te)	(S-1)	9.45 am, 3.55 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-2)	10.15 am, 1.45 pm
		5.15 pm, 8.45 pm
Truth or Dare (E)	(S-1)	1.40 pm
	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Rampage (E)	(S-1)	7.25 pm
	(S-3)	9.45 am
Nagavalli Vs Apthamithraru (K)	(S-3)	11.55 am
Attempt to Murder (K)	(S-3)	5.00 pm
Beyond the Clouds (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am
Gultoo (K)	(S-3)	2.25 pm
Nanu Ki Janu (H)	(S-4)	12.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Saaguva Daariyalli (K)	(S-4)	3.30 pm
Krishna Tulasi (K)	(S-4)	6.45 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Woh Apna Sa	7:00 pm TuSooraj MeinSaanjh...	7:00 pm Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
7:30 Kaleerein	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	7:30 Mere Sai
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mehek	8:00 Har Shaakh Pe Ullu Baithaa Hai	8:10 Vighnaharta Ganesh
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	8:30 Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala	8:40 Porus
9:30 Kundali Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	9:30 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
10:00 Ishq Subhan Allah	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	10:00 Ek Deewana Tha
10:30 Aapke Aa Jaane Se		
5:00 pm Man Vs. Wild	5:00 pm Vivo IPL Unplugged	5:00 pm Nat Geo Uncut
6:00 You Have Been Warned	5:30 Game Plan 2018 IPL	6:00 Primal Survivor
7:00 River Monsters	6:00 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls	7:00 One Strange Rock
8:00 Man Vs. Wild	6:30 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls	8:00 Combat Zone
10:00 Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge	7:00 Kent Cricket IPL 2018 Pre Show	9:00 Prime @ 9
11:00 Naked And Afraid	7:50 Vivo Ipl 2018 Live	9:30 S.O.S - Smartest Show On Tv
	11:15 Kent Cricket Ipl 2018 Post Show	10:00 Battle Of The Beasts
	11:35 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls	11:00 Unpublished
6:30 pm Oggy And The Cockroaches	7:00 pm Gouri	7:00 pm Kaveri
8:00 Roll No. 21	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jani	7:30 Avalu
8:30 Oggy And The Cockroaches	8:00 Ayalathe Sundari	8:00 Brahamhastra
9:00 Roll No. 21	8:30 Shaneeswaran	8:30 Nandini
10:00 Ben 10	9:00 Nandhini	9:00 Jeeva Nadi
11:00 Dragon Ball Super	9:30 Sree Bhadrakali	9:30 Manasa Sarovara
	10:00 Kadhakalkkappuram	10:00 Kanmani

MOVIES TONIGHT

4:49 pm **Baby's Day Out**	3:57 pm **Hangover Part III**	4:38 pm **Saigon Bodyguards**
6:52 **Home Alone**	5:40 **Transformers**	6:37 **Robin Hood**
8:59 **Speed**	8:30 **Deep Blue Sea**	9:00 **Jack Giant Slayer**
11:28 **X-Men: First Class**	10:29 **G.I. JOE: The Rise Of Cobra**	
5:53 pm **Dangerous Khiladi 4**	6:09 pm **Return Of Raju**	3:30 pm **Pyari Behna**
8:55 **Yevadu 2**	8:56 **The Real Tevar**	7:00 **Teleshopping**
11:42 **Mera Target**	11:54 **Shivalinga**	8:00 **Fillum Baazi**
		8:30 **Arundhati**
3:57 pm **2 Fast 2 Furious**	4:00 pm **Sukha Samsarakke 12 Sutragalu**	4:51 pm **Ghar Ho To Aisa**
5:55 **The Mummy**	7:00 **Haalu Jenu**	7:45 **Main Hi Raja Main Hi Mantri**
8:08 **Sachin: A Billion Dreams**	10:00 **Kodagina Kaveri**	10:52 **Action Jackson**

Niveditha Gowda of *Bigg Boss* at MyCEM

Mysuru, Apr.24- A Technical Symposium on Quantum 2K18 was organised by Electronics and Communication Department of Mysore College of Engineering & Management (MyCEM), T. Narasipur Road, Chikkahalli, to make the students think about current trends.

Bigg Boss Season-5 finalist Niveditha Gowda, who was the chief guest, addressed the students and enthralled them with her songs and dance moves.

The programme started with invocation by 6th sem students Kavya and team followed by lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. Bhavina of 4th sem welcomed. Sneha Bharadwaj of 4th sem proposed a vote of thanks.

The inauguration was followed by project exhibition and poster presentation on recent trends in Electronics and Communication Engineering.

In all, 35 teams participated. Prizes were distributed by Principal Dr. C.N. Ravikumar and Academic Director Prof. Munjunath. Kishore Biddappa, Secretary of Jnanavaahini Shikshana Samsthe, Mysuru, Prof. K.N. Roopashree, Head of the Department, Prof. Nagabhushan and others were present.

EVENTS TODAY (APR.24)

Sri Gokarnanatheshwara Trust: 'Brahmakalashotsava' to mark Sri Chamundeshwaridevi, Karnatak Music recital by Vid. N.R. Prashanth, **5.30 pm;** Brahmakalasha Sthapane, Trust premises, Suvarnanagar, near Roopanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Krishna Temple: 27th year Brahma Rathotsava, Rukmini Kalyanotsava, Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

Vivekananda Brahmana Mahasabha, Srirampura 2nd Stage: Sri Shankara Jayanti, Discourse on 'Paryatana Parivrajaka Sri Shankara' by Dr. Jyothi Shankar, Sabha premises, **6.45 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.25)

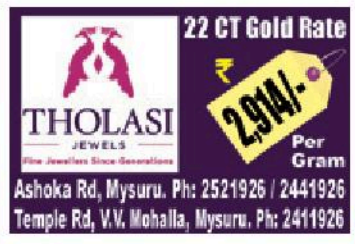
Sri Krishna Temple: 27th year Brahma Rathotsava, Mantapotsava, **5.45 am;** Rathotsava, **6.30 am;** Chatusthanarchana, Nithya Homa and Shanthyotsava, Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

Sri Gokarnanatheshwara Trust: 'Brahmakalashotsava' to mark Sri Chamundeshwaridevi, Homas, **8.30 am;** Janapada Bhaktigeethe programme by Anusha Rao and team, **11 am;** Brahmakalashabhisheka in the presence of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, **11.30 am;** Distribution of prasada, Trust premises, Suvarnanagar, near Roopanagar, **1.30 pm.**

Mysore Art Gallery: Exhibition of line drawing of Matinee idol late Dr. Rajkumar and other actors, marking 89th birth anniversary of Dr. Rajkumar, Mysore Art Gallery, Ramanuja Road, **10 am to 6 pm.**

Central Workshop Mysuru South, South Western Railway: 63rd Railway Week celebrations at Diamond Jubilee Sports Complex, NIE campus, **4 pm.**

Vivekananda Brahmana Mahasabha, Srirampura 2nd Stage: Sri Nrusimha Jayanti, Discourse on 'Sri Nrusimha Avatara - Ondu Avalokana' by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Sabha premises, **6.45 pm.**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DEVARAJA URS ROAD	V.V. MOHALLA Temple Road	KUVEMPUNAGAR Panchamantra Rd.	VIJYANAGAR Hi-tension Road	K.T. STREET Near Daspraksh	SARASWATHIPURAM Near Vijaya Bank Circle	J.P. NAGAR Opp. To Police Station
☎: 0821-4266603	☎: 0821-4288601	☎: 0821-4288604	☎: 0821-4266705	☎: 0821-4260012	☎: 0821-4001573	☎: 0821-4001573

N.R. MOHALLA Shivaji Road	RAJKUMAR ROAD Teacher Layout	MANDYA V.V. Road	MANDYA KVS Complex	KOLLEGAL Vasantha Stores	BENGALURU SHOWROOMS
☎: 0821-4245666	☎: 0821-2570065	☎: 08232-402111	☎: 08232- 222266	☎: 08224- 252082	RAJAJINAGAR ☎: 080- 41537184